

Nebraska Council on Teacher Education

Educator Preparation Advisory Committee to the Nebraska State Board of Education

Executive Committee Minutes

April 22, 2016

Ralston Public Schools--Virginia Moon Administrative Center

Call to Order – President Mark Adler 10:20 A.M.

Approval of 1/22/16 Executive Committee Minutes. Motion by Spethman, second by Mathews. Carried.

Review of March 18, 2016 Full Council Meeting and March 18, 2016 Standing Committee Meetings Minutes

1. Rule Status Updates – NDE Staff

Rule 24—Awaiting Governor’s approval

2. Rule 24 Endorsements – Pat Madsen, NDE

- Proposed School Counselor Endorsement

Pat summarized results of a brief ad hoc committee survey which asked the following questions:

1) Do you support changing the current revision from an additional 150-clock hour practicum to an explicit professional education credit hour requirement?

2) If yes, would you support revising the 150-clock hour requirement to (#hours)

In general, the respondents (14) supported changing the 150-clock hour practicum to a credit hour requirement. The majority of respondents (9) suggested 12 credit hours.

Donna Hoffman, NDE Director of School Counseling, summarized the revision work to date and outlined issues/challenges:

- Current/evolving role(s) of counselors
- A need to increase the pipeline of counselors
- There has been significant stakeholder conversation, including counseling educators.
- Most states no longer require teaching experience to be certificated as a counselor. This has been (and continues to) be problematic for individuals coming in from other states.
- Many individuals in NE counseling programs are already employed by a school system.
- National accreditation (CACREP) is requiring increased hours for Counselor preparation.
- PK-6/7-12 ‘versus’ PK-12. Ad hoc support for endorsement going to only PK-12.
- Ad hoc considered/supported elimination of the 2-year teaching requirement.
- Ad hoc proposed an option for individuals without a teacher education background.

Discussion included the following points:

- What are the implications of College and Career Readiness (CCR) for elementary students and the work of elementary teachers? To what extent are counselors prepared for addressing CCR/transitions? How are counseling faculty prepared to work with candidates related to the evolving needs for CCR?
- Committee reviewed the accompanying proposed Guidelines for purpose/understanding. These are revised to reflect the current national standards.
- Addressing the realities of the roles/priorities/expectations of school counselors in today’s (and all) of Nebraska school systems. School counseling ‘programs’ need to include all three domains: 1) career development, 2) academic development, and 3) emotional/social development.

The Executive Committee discussed moving the proposed School Counselor endorsement forward for NCTE consideration. It was decided to make the following changes to the proposed endorsement in preparation for first hearing at the June, 2016 NCTE meeting. These changes reflect the March NCTE conversations, the NDE survey, and other information/discussion:

- ADD - 12 credit hours of professional education coursework focused on (as stated in proposed endorsement)
- ADD assessment to professional education coursework requirements, and
- MAINTAIN the additional 150-clock hours of school related field experiences.

The Executive Committee and the Ad Hoc committee will have an opportunity to review the revised document prior to the June NCTE meeting materials being posted.

- Curriculum Supervisor Ad Hoc Committee Meeting – June 23, 2016 at NCSA, Lincoln
Questions/issues for Ad Hoc discussion:
 - Is this endorsement still needed?
 - Should it remain only an Administrative endorsement? Or should it be a Teaching endorsement? Or both? Provide March NCTE minutes for Ad Hoc consideration.
 - Is the name appropriately descriptive of the role/work tasks?
 - Evaluator/Curriculum Development or Leadership/Coaching, etc.....
 - Is this a career ladder opportunity?
 - What are the implications of the many different titles/roles in school systems?
 - Are the preparation components in the endorsement right?
- Cooperative Education/Diversified Occupations Ad Hoc—likely will be conducted via technology during the summer months. This will be the first of the career education endorsement revision process since Coop/DO is embedded in most of those endorsements. How does this impact Special Education teachers? Consider how SPED should be engaged.

3. NDE Updates – NDE Staff

- CAEP Conference – March 23-25, 2016 / CAEP Training – July 17-20, 2016 in Kansas City.
- Middle Level Content Test Standard Setting – July 12, 2016 at Concordia Fallbrook in Lincoln. ELA, Science, Social Studies, and Math tests and associated passing scores will be considered. Formal implementation expected for September 1, 2018.
- Special Education Supervisor Content Test selection – July 13, 2016 at Concordia Fallbrook. A panel of stakeholders will consider test options and make a passing score recommendation. Formal implementation expected for September 1, 2018.

4. Program Approval

- Offsite State Review for College of Saint Mary and Wayne State College – June 27, 2016 in Lincoln.

5. Old/New Business

- NCTE Long-Range Planning Discussion. Pat reviewed a draft of a long-range planning document. The Executive Committee was asked to revise/add as appropriate.
- Consideration of opportunities to address topics/issues/challenges consistent with NCTE's purpose and mission. Possible topics: candidate and employee recruitment, selection, and retention—and feedback loops; powerful practices/improvement priorities (possibly tied to the AQuESTT Evidence Based Analysis results); PK-16/20.
- Formal plan to support NCTE Member Development – (tabled until the August meeting)

6. NCTE June 10, 2016 Full Council Meeting Proposed Agenda Items

- Speaker—Counselor Panel (CTE/SPED/VR)—May require some adjustment of the meeting format.
- Proposed School Counselor endorsement—Donna Hoffman
- Presentations by Creighton University and York College
- NDE Updates
- Recommendation for State approval of Peru State College and University of Nebraska-Omaha
- Standing Committee Agenda Items:
 - Officer elections
 - Discussion regarding the panel presentation
 - School Counseling (all committees will have an opportunity to discuss)
 - Teacher Supply
 - Implication of AQuESTT Evidence Based Analysis (EBA) findings for educator preparation

Executive Committee will meet at 8:45 A.M. on June 10 to hear the UNO rejoinder and to approve the 2016-17 Membership List and Standing Committee assignments.

Meeting Adjourned—2:20 P.M.